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Church News

The October collections are ordered as follows: For Foreign Missions, Rev. S. H. Chester, treasurer, Nashville, Tenn., A special collection in the Sabbath-schools, on the first Sabbath, for Sabbath School Extension, R. E. Magill, treasurer, Richmond, Va., Box 883; and on the third Sabbath a collection for the Bible Cause, Wm. Foulke, treasurer, Bible House, New York.

ALABAMA.

Huntsville: The First Church has called Rev. Robert McInturf, of Gate City, Va., to take charge of its Bryson Memorial Chapel work.

Birmingham: The First Church, vacant since the removal of Rev. J. W. Stagg, to Anniston, has called Rev. Dr. J. S. Foster, of Petersburg, Va., to its pastorate.

North Alabama Presbytery will meet with the First Presbyterian Church of Anniston, October 26, at 7:30 p. m. Commissioners will please notify Mr. E. L. Turner, Anniston, by what train they will reach Anniston and at what time.

John G. Anderson.

Resolutions adopted by the session of the Presbyterian church, Tuscaloosa, September 27, 1909: Whereas, Our pas-

tor, Rev. John Van Lear, has, through a sense of duty, resigned the pastoral charge of our church to accept a call to a new field of labor; and, Whereas, He has asked our congregation to unite with him in requesting Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship which has so pleasantly existed for eight and one-half years; therefore be it Resolved, That we, as the session of the church, report that our congregation reluctantly united with our pastor in this request, with the assurance that they did it only at his instance and from no desire on their part to discontinue the relationship. Be it further resolved, That we do hereby testify to the faithfulness of Mr. Van Lear during his pastorate of our church, and express our gratification at the splendid work he has done as our pastor, and that he leaves our church in a good condition, with the love and confidence of our people. Be it further resolved, That we commend him and his family to the congregation in Little Rock, with whom God, in his providence, has called him to labor, and we pray God's continued blessing on their work for the Master.

John Little, Clerk of Session.

ARKANSAS.

Marianna: The little city of Marianna is a striking illustration of the resources, the rapid growth and development of the West, as well as the wisdom of home mission work. Our church here was organized thirty-nine years ago and is now thoroughly equipped, having most attractive property, a handsome church building and a manse, with a membership composed of many of the most prominent and substantial citizens. The present pastor is Rev. J. G. Lane, with whom and his people I had the pleasure of laboring for a number of days. Three services were held daily, one a business men's prayer meeting, each morning at one of the stores, with encouraging attendance. Much personal and house to house work was done. The busy season and other things were not propitious, yet the results were most encouraging. Fifteen members were received, fourteen children baptized, a number promised to erect family altars, many pledged themselves to better lives, the sum of \$150 given for Presbyterian home mission work and an equal amount promised for building churches in the bounds of Arkansas Presbytery.

Wm. H. Richardson.

Tulip and Carthage: On Sunday, September 27, Rev. B. E. Wallace, evangelist, of Pine Bluff Presbytery, visited this field of his work. On that day he preached at Tulip, and continued morning and night until September 30; then on Friday night, October 1, he preached at Carthage, and continued, with the exception of three services, until Wednesday night, October 7. Rev. A. J. Cheatham, of Fordyce, filled very acceptably the three services omitted by the evangelist. The audiences were good and the gospel was presented with clearness and power. Tulip is weak and feeble with age, and Carthage is in its in-

fancy. Both were encouraged and strengthened. There were four additions to the field, two by statement and two by profession of their faith in Christ. The offering consisted of \$10 each to Assembly and local home missions.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington: Rally Day was observed by Central Presbyterian Sunday school on October 10. Invitations had been issued some time ahead, and much interest was evidenced by the large attendance. The room had been tastefully decorated with autumn leaves and flowers, and at the door stood a committee to pin an attractive badge on each person entering, from the members of the Home Department down to the very smallest cradle roller present. The music was led by the school orchestra, including several violins and a cornet, and the enthusiasm with which the hymns were sung was inspiring. There were several recitations by members of the primary department, and then Mr. Allen Wood, one of the elders of the church, made an earnest appeal to those members of the school who had not yet accepted Christ to postpone the matter no longer, basing his remarks on the words, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." A short but spirited review of the lessons recently studied was led by the pastor, and at his request such members of the cradle roll as were present were brought forward and introduced to the congregation individually. An offering for home missions was taken, amounting to something more than \$35. A very beautiful feature of the program was the decoration of the cross. The classes in turn recited the verse selected by them as their motto for the coming year and then marched to the front, each member placing a flower at the foot of a large wooden cross which stood on a raised platform. Two young ladies were there to fasten the flowers in place; and by the time the last class was called, the cross stood completely covered by the white flowers and green leaves. In the heart of many present as they looked on the beautiful work completed, was the prayer that this school may indeed and in truth rally around the cross; and that the coming year may see more and better work done for the Master than ever before.

GEORGIA.

Savannah: Rev. Dr. Jas. Y. Fair has announced his resignation of the pastorate of the Independent Church. The matter will come before the congregation in a short while.

Atlanta, Barnett Church: At this church at the northwest end of the city, the Rev. Linton Johnson, the new pastor, preached last Sunday. It was a very enjoyable day, and the event gives promise of new life and development in this work. Mr. Johnson is the right man, and the people are taking new interest.

—North Avenue Church: The growth of the Sunday school in this church has been so great that it has been embarrassed for want of space for the